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## REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The six meetings now provided for by the By-Laws were held December 21, 1915, January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18 and November 21, 1916. Communications were made by William P. Magie and Daniel M. Barringer, Witmer Stone, Edwin G. Conklin, Merkel H. Jacobs, and Henry Skinner.

Twenty-three papers have been presented for publication, as follows: Henry W. Fowler, 2; William H. Dall, 2; Nathan Banks, 1; J. A. G. Rehn and Morgan Hebard, 1; R. W. Shufeldt, 1; J. Henderson and L. E. Daniels, 1; H. A. Pilsbry, 1; George W. Tannreuther, 1; T. D. A. Cockerell, 1; Walter Sonneberg, 1; Joseph C. Thompson, 1; Clarence B. Moore, 1; Howard Crawley, 1; Carl L. Hubbs, 1; Harold S. Colton, 1; Bruce Wade, 1; D. M. Barringer and Elihu Thomson, 1; Harold Heath, 1; Charles P. Alexander, 1; Henry L. Viereck, 1; S. Stillman Berry, 1.

Sixteen of these communications have been published in the PROCEEDINGS, one in the JOURNAL, five have been returned to the authors, and one awaits the action of the Publication Committee.

Six hundred and twenty-two pages of the PROCEEDINGS with thirty-two plates have been issued. We are indebted to Mr. Clarence B. Moore for the third part of the sixteenth volume of the JOURNAL, consisting of eighty pages and four beautiful plates in color.

Mr. Morgan Hebard contributed \$301.79 toward the expense of publishing the second number of the PROCEEDINGS for 1916.

The American Entomological Society (Entomological Section of the Academy) has published four hundred and thirty-four pages, with twenty plates of the TRANSACTIONS, and four hundred and eighty pages and twenty-five plates of the ENTOMOLOGICAL NEWS. A new series, entitled MEMOIRS, has been begun, of which one hundred and forty-one pages have been issued.

The MANUAL OF CONCHOLOGY has been increased by one hundred and sixty-eight pages and twenty-eight plates, completing the twenty-third volume and the first part of the twenty-fourth.

The Academy's contributions to science, therefore, during the past year totals 1,925 pages and 109 plates.

The interruption in the exchange service due to the war, reference to which is made in the report of the Librarian, still continues.

Well-bound copies of the centenary volume of the *JOURNAL* and of the *INDEX* to *PUBLICATIONS* were expressed to Mr. Peter H. Goldsmith, Director of the Pan-American Division of the American Association for International Conciliation, as a contribution to a library of American books to be placed in Buenos Ayres in furtherance of the admirable object of the society. The binding was paid for by the President of the Academy.

Eight members have been elected. Fifteen deaths have been announced. Resignations of membership have been received from Charles D. Hart, Silas L. Schumo, and John M. Reynolds. Three have been dropped from the roll.

The special appointments by the Council: the Standing Committees, the Councillor, the Curator of the William S. Vaux Collections, and the Custodian of the Lea Collections, remain without change.

Under the provisions of the endowment of the Hayden Memorial Geological Award, a gold medal is to be again conferred next year upon a geologist or paleontologist whose work deserves the recognition. A committee consisting of R. A. F. Penrose, Jr., Amos P. Brown, Edgar T. Wherry, Charles D. Walcott, and Henry F. Osborn, has been appointed by the Academy on the nomination of the Council, to select a worthy recipient. Dr. Penrose has complied with a request to act as Chairman of the Committee.

Revision of the Articles of Agreement with the American Entomological Society, made December 17, 1875, and modified November 27, 1894, was, on the recommendation of the Council, adopted by the Academy, December 21, 1915. By the revised articles the Society agrees to deposit its collections in the Academy in perpetuity, the Academy to take care of such collections to the best of its ability. In case of dissolution of the union, the library of the Society remains in its possession. None but members of the Academy can be elected members of the Society, the meetings of which for scientific or business purposes must be held on the Academy's premises.

By the will of the late John T. Morris, the Academy's relation to the Botanical Garden, Museum, and Library provided for therein is defined. The income of \$25,000 is bequeathed to the Academy on the death of the testator's sister.

A successful meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held in the library, lecture hall, and museum from November 13 to 16.

Six courses of lectures were delivered on Mondays from January

10 to May 1. Three were by Dr. Witmer Stone on wild bird life, one by Dr. B. F. Royer on oral hygiene, four by Dr. H. A. Pilsbry on shells and shell fish, three by Dr. Henry Skinner on insects, three by Dr. Spencer Trotter on the wanderings of animals, and three by Dr. Stone on the wild flowers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

In addition, seven afternoon lectures were delivered to students of the Girls' High School by Drs. Skinner, Pilsbry, Moore, and Stone.

The withdrawal of Mr. Delos Culver as a Jessup Fund Beneficiary was reported.

EDWARD J. NOLAN, *Recording Secretary.*

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#### REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The further decrease in foreign correspondence, due to the almost complete cessation of receipts from central Europe, has resulted in a smaller total of communications for 1916 than for many years.

No new correspondents were elected, but the following named died: Orville A. Derby, Elias Metschnikoff, Edgar A. Smith, José M. Rovirosa, R. J. Lechmere Guppy, Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton and Edgar A. Mearns. The decease of several other correspondents, as one of the unfortunate results of the European War, has been reported, but it has been impossible to secure satisfactory verification.

There have been no international scientific congresses and few events of scientific importance in this country in which this Academy was invited to participate. Invitations were received from the Kitasato Institute in Tokyo, the City Club of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Electric Company, the American Branch of the League to Enforce Peace, the California Academy of Sciences, the College of Engineering of the University of Illinois and the committee in charge of the fiftieth anniversary of the scientific activity of Alexander Karpinsky. A letter of congratulation sent to Professor Karpinsky elicited an appreciative response.

Thanks were received also from the Ohio Academy of Sciences for the appointment of a delegate and the sending of a congratulatory message and from the American Ornithologists' Union for courtesies received during the recent meeting in the Academy's building.

Miscellaneous correspondence was conducted as usual.

Statistics of the correspondence transacted follow: